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APPLICATION NO.: <b>200480000965.5</b>	APPLICANT: <b>LG Electronics Inc.</b>
FILING DATE: <b>May 27, 2004</b>	DATE OF MAIL: <b>July 4, 2008</b>
TITLE OF INVENTION: <b>WASHING METHOD FOR WASHING MACHINE</b>	

## NOTIFICATION OF THE FIRST OFFICE ACTION (PCT Application Entering National Phase)

- ☒ UPON REQUEST FOR SUBSTANTIVE EXAMINATION, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 35, CLAUSE 1 OF THE PATENT LAW, THIS OFFICE HAS CONDUCTED SUBSTANTIVE EXAMINATION OF THE SUBJECT APPLICATION FOR INVENTION PATENT.
 ☐ IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 35, CLAUSE 2, THIS OFFICE HAS CONDUCTED AN EX OFFICIO EXAMINATION OF THE SUBJECT APPLICATION FOR INVENTION PATENT.
- ☒ THE APPLICANT REQUESTS TO DESIGNATE THE FILING DATE OF:
 

**May 28, 2003** in the **Korean** Patent Office of as the priority date;  
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 in the Patent Office of as the priority date.
- ☐ THE APPLICANT SUBMITTED THE AMENDMENT ON \_\_\_\_\_, after examination, in which
  - ☐ the amendment is considered to be in conformity with the Chinese Patent Law;
  - ☐ the amendment of the specification submitted on \_\_\_\_\_ is unacceptable;
  - ☐ the amendment submitted on \_\_\_\_\_ is unacceptable;  
the reason being that the above cited amendment
  - ☐ is not in conformity with Article 33 of the Chinese Patent Law;
  - ☐ is not in conformity with Rule 51 of the Implementing Regulations of the Chinese Patent Law.
- ☒ EXAMINATION IS MADE ON THE BASIS OF THE CHINESE TRANSLATION OF THE ORIGINALLY FILED PCT APPLICATION DOCUMENTS.
 ☐ EXAMINATION IS MADE ON THE BASIS OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTATIONS:
  - ☐ Pages \_\_\_\_\_ of the Description, Claims and Pages \_\_\_\_\_ of the accompanying drawings as the Chinese translation of the originally filed document;
  - ☐ Pages \_\_\_\_\_ of the Description, Claims and Pages \_\_\_\_\_ of the accompanying drawings as the Chinese translation of the attachments of the IPER;
  - ☐ Claims as the amended in accordance with Articles 28 or 41 of the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
  - ☐ Pages \_\_\_\_\_ of the accompanying drawings submitted on \_\_\_\_\_
  - ☐ Page \_\_\_\_\_ of the Description, Claims, and Page \_\_\_\_\_ of the accompanying drawings as the amended in accordance with Articles 51 of the Implementing Regulations Of the Chinese Patent Law
- ☐ THE NOTIFICATION IS MADE WITHOUT CONDUCTING THE SEARCH FOR THE PATENTABILITY.
 ☐ THE NOTIFICATION IS MADE UNDER THE SEARCH FOR THE PATENTABILITY.
 ☒ The following references have been cited in this notification (their serial numbers will be referred to in the prosecution):

SERIAL NUMBER	FILE NUMBER OR TITLE OF REFERENCE	PUBLICATION DATE (OR FILING DATE OF A CONFLICT PATENT APPLICATION)
1	CN1101889C	February 19, 2003
2	CN1109927A	October 11, 1995
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- THE CONCLUSION OF THE EXAMINATION:
  - ☐ In regard to the description:

- ☐ The subject matter of the present application is not accepted on the basis of the Article 5 of the Patent Law of the People's Republic of China.
- ☐ The description is not in conformity with the provision of paragraph 3, Article 26 of the Patent Law of the People's Republic of China.
- ☐ The description is not in conformity with the provision of Article 33 of the Patent Law of the People's Republic of China.
- ☐ The description is not in conformity with the provision of Rule 18 of the Implementing Regulations of the Patent Law of the People's Republic of China.
- ☒ In regard to the Claims:
  - ☒ Claims 1, 7-10 cannot be allowed owing to lack of novelty on the basis of the provision of paragraph 2, Article 22 of the Patent Law of the People's Republic of China.
  - ☒ Claims 2-6, 11-17 cannot be allowed owing to lack of inventiveness on the basis of the provision of paragraph 3, Article 22 of the Patent Law of the People's Republic of China.
  - ☐ Claims        cannot be allowed owing to lack of usefulness on the basis of the provision of paragraph 4, Article 22 of the Patent Law of the People's Republic of China.
  - ☐ Claims        cannot be allowed on the basis of the provision of Article 25 of the Patent Law of the People's Republic of China.
  - ☐ Claim        cannot be allowed on the basis of the provision of paragraph 4, Article 26 of the Patent Law of the People's Republic of China.
  - ☐ Claims cannot be allowed on the basis of the provision of paragraph 1, Article 31 of the Patent Law of the People's Republic of China.
  - ☐ Claims cannot be allowed on the basis of the provision of Article 33 of the Patent Law of the People's Republic of China.
  - ☐ Claims cannot be allowed on the basis of the provision of Rule 20 of the Implementing Regulations of the Patent Law of the People's Republic of China.
  - ☐ Claim cannot be allowed on the basis of the provision of Rule 22 of the Implementing Regulations of the Patent Law of the People's Republic of China.
  - ☐ Claims cannot be allowed on the basis of the provision of Rule 23 of the Implementing Regulations of the Patent Law of the People's Republic of China.

THE EXPLANATION OF THE CONCLUSION IS GIVEN IN THE ATTACHMENT SHEET IN DETAILS.

7. ON THE BASIS OF THE ABOVE CONCLUSION, IT IS CONSIDERED THAT
- ☐ the applicant should amend the application on the basis of the request in the attachment sheet.
  - ☐ the applicant should present the reason on which the application can be accepted and amend the part that is indicated not to be in conformity with the requirement, otherwise the application will be rejected.
  - ☒ no subject matter in the application is allowable, the application will be rejected if the applicant does not make a full statement or fails to make a statement.
8. THE APPLICANT IS DRAWN ATTENTION TO THAT
- (1) in accordance with the provisions of Article 37 of the Chinese Patent Law, the applicant shall submit the observations within **FOUR** months from the date of receiving this notification. If the applicant, without any justified reason, fails to reply within the time limit, the application shall be deemed to have been withdrawn.
  - (2) the applicant shall make amendments in conformity with Article 33 of the Chinese Patent Law. the amendment shall be furnished in duplicate. The formality of the amendment should be in conformity with the relative provisions of the Guideline for Examination.
  - (3) any response and/or amendment must be mailed or hand delivered to the Receiving Department of the Patent Office in the People's Republic of China. Any documents that are not sent to the Receiving Department do not have legal force.
  - (4) the applicant and/or his attorney could not go the Patent office in the People's Republic of China to meet the examiner if no appointment is made in advance.
9. THE TEXT OF THE NOTIFICATION EMBRACES **FOUR** PAGES, ALONG WITH THE ENCLOSURES HEREIN
- ☒ **ONE** copy of cited reference is enclosed in pages of **58**.

EXAMINATION DEPARTMENT NO. 8

NAME OF EXAMINER

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